

CHRISTIAN SERVICE RECORD

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

Please read the attached description of true Christian service and all the possible ways to share your time and talents. Each year complete the number of service hours (or more) equal to your present grade level. You need to complete some service in each of the three areas below (A-B-C). For each service date you fill in, you will need to also complete a service reflection sheet and have it signed by a supervising adult or the person served. At the end of the school year or summer, return this and the reflection sheets to your group leader or to the parish office. Remember, it's OK to do MORE than the required amount of service. You are a valuable member of our Christian community. **Hours can be carried over from year to year. By the time you are Confirmed in grade 10, you need to have turned in 34 hours of service (7+8+9+10).**

A. Parish Community Service:

1. Date: _____ Amount of Time: _____
Type of Service: _____

2. Date: _____ Amount of Time: _____
Type of Service: _____

3. Date: _____ Amount of Time: _____
Type of Service: _____

Adult Signature: _____

B. Neighborhood/Local Community Service:

1. Date: _____ Amount of Time: _____
Type of Service: _____

2. Date: _____ Amount of Time: _____
Type of Service: _____

Adult Signature: _____

C. Larger Community Service:

1. Date: _____ Amount of Time: _____
Type of Service: _____

2. Date: _____ Amount of Time: _____
Type of Service: _____

Adult Signature: _____

"TRUE" CHRISTIAN SERVICE

YES NO

- Do you:
1. Have the right to a supply of food rather than to starve?
 2. Have a right to decent clothing instead of rags?
 3. Have the right to a warm home instead of to live on the street?
 4. Have the right to care and medicine when you are sick?
 5. Have a right to an education instead of a life of ignorance?
 6. Have a right to the care and support of people who love you?

If you answer **YES** to any of the above questions, you're **RIGHT!** And every human being has those same rights.

So... Christian service is simple! It's an act of love, freely given, for another human being. And anything we do for another person, we do for God, since God's life is in all of us.

So... We do it because we would want the same done for us if we needed help.

.... and we do it to be witnesses to the truth of the Christian message (They'll know we are Christians by our love).

.... and we do it because God gave us gifts and talents for only **ONE** reason - to share with others!

You, St. Timothy's students are important members of the people of God. So get out there and build His Kingdom. And say the following prayer each time you go!

A Prayer of Service

O God of goodness,
Help us always to show kindness and generosity to everyone in need.
Give us the courage and strength to work on behalf of the rights of others.
Support us as we offer our love and friendship to strangers and work to unite all humankind.
Strengthen us to serve you by serving others in both times of peace and times of adversity.
Enable us to work for the freedom of those who have been deprived of their liberty and bring justice to those who are oppressed.
Keep us safe from harm and open our hearts to others so that we may always live in the presence of your love.
Guide us with you Spirit as we seek to share your mercy and work for your justice.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

P.S. Just a reminder that Christian service is done **WITH** parent supervision and **WITHOUT** pay. If you have some good ideas where groups of kids could work together, please contact Andrew Zeisel at the parish office 320-963-3726 ext. 7.

Service Within the Parish Community

serve in a liturgical ministry such as server, usher (must be in 10th grade), singer or accompanist
assist with parish social activities such as breakfasts, dinners, or fundraisers
maintenance service such as cleaning the church, grounds, or shoveling snow
teach or assist in children's religious education programs
coach or help with children's athletic programs

Baby-sit (free of charge) to give parents a few hours of time together
Teach a child a simple prayer
Offer child care for group adult meetings
Straighten books in pews after Mass
Help the cemetery workers
Visit parish priest or invite him to your home; thank them for what they do
Accompany parish ministers of the Eucharist as they bring Communion to home bound
Join one of the choirs
Work at the parish auction and fall festival
Hold a fund-raising project to purchase a piece of equipment needed by the parish
Find out what the parish organizations are doing and offer to help
Sponsor a food or clothing drive for the needy

Service Within the Neighboring Community

baby-sit free for needy families
visit and help the elderly and shut-ins
organize and help with neighborhood clean-up projects

Adopt an elderly person in the community that needs cleaning, yard work, run errands, visit them, write a letter, remember them on special occasions, such as birthdays, trips to the doctor, library, etc.
Prepare a meal or food for the sick
Help at Kidville
Work at Bloodmobile
Collect food for food shelves
Organize recess activities for younger children or read stories to them at indoor recess time (Call a teacher and offer to help)
Invite some elderly person to lunch, or to special programs in which you are involved at school
Visit a sick parishioner / send get well cards
Clean houses for the sick, disabled, new parents, etc.

Service Within the Larger Community

visit convalescent centers, nursing homes, hospitals
collect and deliver food for the poor
participate in peace and justice activities, pro-life rallies

Helping others in facilities such as children's hospitals, soup kitchens, etc.
Collect clothing for the poor or for Birthright
Help a mission organization of your choice. Gather a group of friends or neighbors. Organize a carnival, raffle, or dinner to raise money for the missions. Write a letter to the mission organization explaining your project, and enclose your contribution
Help raise money for local food shelf